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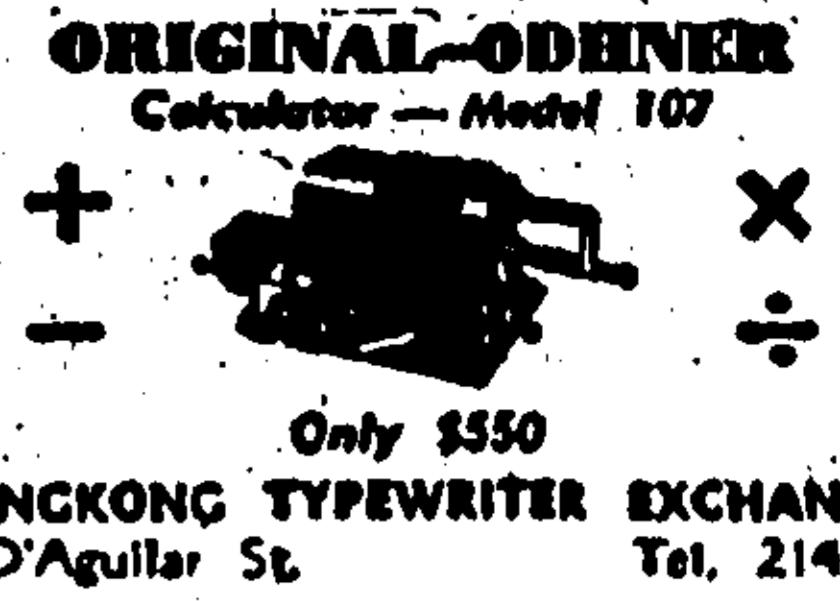
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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Staff Talks

THE forthcoming five-power staff talks in Washington are unquestionably an important development in the search by the Western allies for a modus vivendi leading to the effective safeguarding of Southeast Asia from further Communist aggression. Nevertheless they must be correctly evaluated as to what they can and cannot achieve. They cannot, for example, commit any of the participating governments either in policy or action. Sir Winston Churchill has agreed to the talks because they meet his condition that there should be no meetings at Government level for discussions on an armed alliance on Mr Dulles' lines until and unless the Geneva conference fails. Thus the staff talks will simply be a meeting of an existing agency and it will not be the duty of the officers attending to decide whether an alliance should be formed, but rather to advise the government concerned how such an alliance could be made to work from the military viewpoint. And the military viewpoint will be focused around three considerations: firstly, where a military defence line must be drawn in Southeast Asia; secondly, what forces would be required to hold the Communists in the designated area; thirdly, what proportion of those forces each of the five powers—United States, France, Britain, Australia and New Zealand—can supply.

In the main the Washington staff talks will be exploratory, and on this basis they can be conducted without prejudice to the Geneva conference, and without compromising the official British position. It is plain, however, that American opinion is impatient over British policy, and it cannot be said that President Eisenhower yesterday did anything to relieve the atmosphere with the suggestion that a Southeast Asia alliance could be created without Britain's membership. The implication is that Australia and New Zealand would be willing to disassociate themselves with British policy on this subject—an assumption for which there is no justification. Both Australia and New Zealand have fully identified themselves with the British Government's attitude on the Dulles plan, and no grounds exist for any official in the United States, from President Eisenhower down, to believe that Britain and her Commonwealth partners will split on the issue. The British viewpoint, for which no apology is needed, is that the Southeast Asia alliance calls for decisions of far-reaching consequences, and therefore they must be made only after careful and thoughtful approach work has been completed.



De Valera's Election Losses

Dublin, May 19. Premier Eamon de Valera's Party appeared to be losing tonight in its bid to retain control of the Irish government.

With more than two-thirds of the contests decided in yesterday's election for a new Parliament, returns late tonight gave Mr de Valera's Fianna Fail Party 41 seats to 56 for the combined opposition. A total of 146 seats are at stake.

Mr de Valera's Party lost five seats to the Opposition, led by the Fine Gael Party of ex-Premier John Costello. Mr Costello is favoured to succeed the 71-year-old Premier if he should topple from power.

The conservative Irish Times said it "seemed clear" the Fine Gael and other Opposition Parties would win enough seats in the new Dail (Parliament) to form a coalition government.

Mr de Valera was re-elected, but lost 1,172 votes, in the constituency which has elected him to Parliament for 37 years. Mr Costello's Party also scored big popular vote gains in other areas at the expense of Mr de Valera.—United Press.

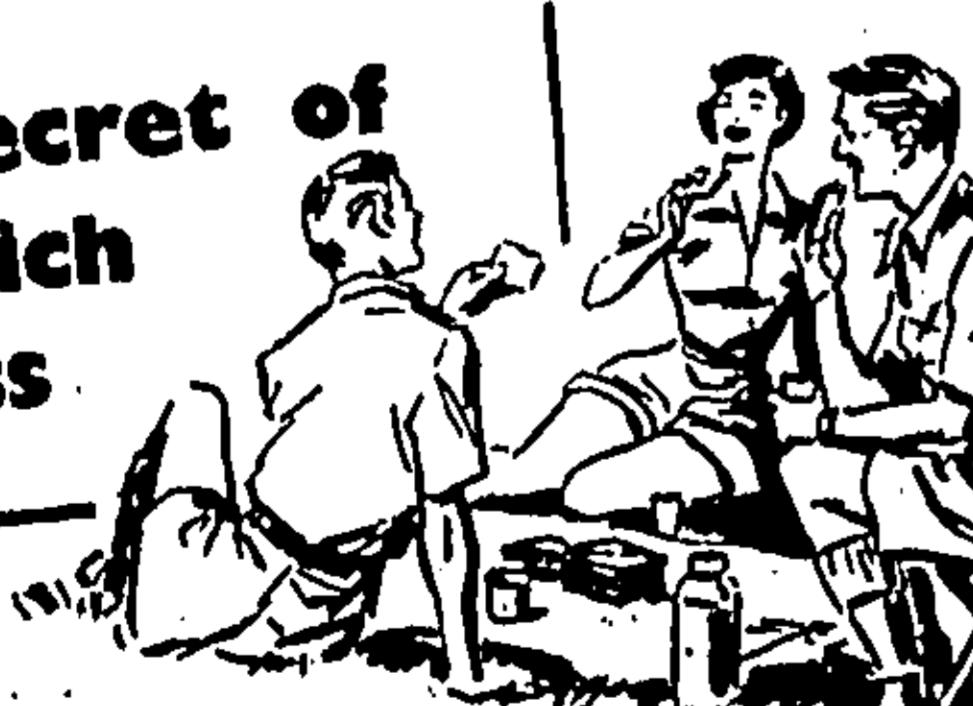
The Queen Goes On Holiday

London, May 20. Queen Elizabeth left London last night for a short holiday in Scotland after attending a glittering "welcome home" luncheon in the City of London.

Accompanied by her young children, the Queen boarded the Royal train which drew out on its 500-mile journey north to the cities of thousands of Londoners massed round the platform approaches.

The Duke of Edinburgh flies north today to join the Queen, Prince Charles and Princess Anne at the Royal Castle of Balmoral, which stands among the rolling hills of the Scottish highlands.—Reuters.

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McCARTHY ASSAILS BRITAIN

Planning To Ship Arms To Red China, Charge
SENATOR'S INTERPRETATION OF PETER THORNEYCROFT SPEECH

Washington, May 19. Senator Joseph McCarthy today charged that Britain planned to ship war weapons to the Chinese Communists and demanded that United States aid to any ally trading with China be halted.

In a speech to the Senate, he repeated his earlier assertions that the "blood trade" with China could be stopped and a blockade imposed if the United States would inform its Allies that they would not get "one cent of American money so long as they either shipped goods to Red China or allow their ships to be used to carry cargoes to Red China."

In an attack on Britain, Senator McCarthy quoted a House of Commons statement by Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, as saying that while controls must be maintained on exports of goods which would add directly and significantly to the Soviet bloc's military capabilities, especially of course in unconventional weapons, substantial relaxation of controls on other goods and an expansion of civilian trade should be sought.

"You will note his statement that controls should be maintained especially on the shipment of unconventional weapons," the Senator said. "Now what is a conventional weapon? Certainly artillery, tanks, anti-aircraft guns, radar, jet planes are all conventional weapons."

The statement in the British House of Commons on the banning of shipments of unconventional weapons of war, he said, had only one meaning to him: "Namely that they plan to ship conventional weapons of war."

He added: "Of course, there is the usual gobbledegook, the qualifying phrase, of course, 'we will ship nothing which endangers our security'."

Noting that the Thorneycroft statement had been disseminated by the British Information Service, Senator McCarthy said:

"I repeat that unless they plan to ship some weapons of war, this statement about the ban on unconventional weapons would be surplusage and the British Information Service should not pick it up."

The Senator said he had tried to find out from the Foreign Operations Administration details of the shipments by allied countries to the Soviet bloc and Communist China, but had been told in effect that this was none of the business of the Congress of the American people.

"I ask any member of this Senate or any American, if you can think of any reason on God's earth why we should send billions of dollars to nations which in turn are shipping 'conventional weapons of war' to an enemy who is presently directing the war in Indo-China—war in which our American young men may have to fight and die," the Senator passionately declared.

"WE DON'T KNOW" "Will the wound of an American young man be less deep, will his blood flow less freely in the jungles of Indo-China if it has been caused by a conventional weapon supplied by our Allies rather than an unconventional weapon?"

Later in his speech the Senator said:

"Just what materials our Allies are shipping to the Communist bloc nations we don't know, because those in charge have taken the position under oath that it would be a violation of security to have the United States Congress and the American people know what our Allies are shipping to our enemies."

As the Senator rose to speak the Acting President of the Senate warned the public, filling a little more than half of the gallery seats, against any demonstration. About half of the Senate's 96 members were present.

Discussing the use of Allied ships to carry goods from Communist bloc nations to Communist China, Senator McCarthy said his committee had found that during the Korean war approximately 70 per cent of the ships entering Chinese ports flew the flags of allies receiving American aid.

He said that if Moscow wished to send supplies to China and a Polish or a Russian vessel was not available to carry them, they could charter a Norwegian, a French or a British ship to carry the cargo.

GIVES EXAMPLE

An example of the use of allied ships to carry cargoes for the Chinese Communists up and down the China coast, Senator McCarthy said, that early in 1953 a British ship was employed in transporting cargoes from one Chinese port to another.

£7-Million Trade Deal With Russia

Moscow, May 19. A British businessman tonight announced the conclusion of a £7 million contract to supply textile machinery to Russia.

It is believed to be the biggest single order placed by the Soviet Union with British traders since the war.

Mr J. C. Seward, Director of Platts Bros. of Oldham, who initiated the contract after weeks of almost endless discussion at the Soviet Foreign Trade Ministry, said he had negotiated the deal on behalf of his own and other companies each of which would manufacture complete machines.

Mr Seward did not disclose the exact figure on the contract, but said it was approximately seven million pounds and included a subsidiary contract for textile machinery worth about £1,250,000 which he negotiated when he visited Moscow for three weeks in January.

Yorkshire and Lancashire companies associated in the contract would provide the Russians with machines for cotton and worsteds spinning, weaving and finishing industries.

Mr Seward said British deliveries would start at the end of this year, and would be spread over a two-year period.

ORDER APPROVED

The Soviet order has been approved by the British Government.

Strategic considerations were not involved.

Russia needs textile machinery for new mills which are being built to increase the output of clothing.

This is part of a consumer goods drive in which the Soviet people have been promised a wide range of better quality products within the next two to three years.

The Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Pham Van Dong, was authoritatively reported to have said after the session that he hoped the next meeting, on Friday, could get down to the task of reconciling the French and Vietminh peace proposals.

"If, as Vice President Nixon says, there is a possibility of American young men fighting and dying in Indo-China, then it is criminal folly to give money to 'Allies' who . . . are shipping the sinews of military and economic strength to our enemies," Senator McCarthy said.

"It should be crystal clear to even the blind that this Congress has no choice but to take action—not next year or next month—but at the earliest conceivable moment."

"FANTASTIC" STATEMENT

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The Cambodian Foreign Minister, Mr Tep Phan, is said to have restored that the local rebel movements were not a political force without Vietminh aid, and the West is understood to be so strongly opposed to the Communist demand that it is prepared to make the issue a breaking point in the negotiations.

FOUR MOVES

Diplomatic sources say the anti-Communist powers are between them planning four moves to strengthen their hand at the talks and to prepare for the situation which would result from a breakdown of negotiations.

They are: high level military planning on the Southeast Asian situation, creation of a Southeast Asian defence alliance, possible American intervention in Indo-China under certain conditions, and the building up of the Vietnamese national army.

"We are steadily building for peace under President Eisenhower's leadership while Senator McCarthy is frantically reaching for diversionary headlines after the sorry spectacle of his record in the recent hearings," he added.

He was apparently referring to the adjourned McCarthy-Army hearings.—Reuters.

Later, Mr Stassen's office issued this paragraph for insertion in his statement:

"The shipment of weapons of any type, conventional or unconventional, to Red China, the Soviet Union, North Korea or any Communist country has been banned. It is banned and will continue to be banned by the United States, by Great Britain and by all co-operating countries of the free world."—Reuters.

Heroic Nurse Refuses Repatriation

Paris, May 20. Nurse Genevieve Do Gallard, heroine of Dien Bien Phu, has turned down an offer of repatriation and will remain in the fortress tending the wounded, it was reported here last night.

The 29-year-old nurse, only woman in Dien Bien Phu for the last five weeks of the siege, said she would stay behind until the evacuation of seriously wounded is complete, these reports added.

A Vietnamese spokesman at the Geneva conference on the Far East said earlier in the day that the Vietminh High Command was willing to release the nurse, a lieutenant in the French Air Force.

But she told Vietminh officers at Dien Bien Phu that she was prepared to return to Hanoi with the last helicopter carrying wounded. They were said to have promised that she could leave Dien Bien Phu at any time she wishes.—Reuters.

Vietnamese In Hanoi On Edge

Hanoi, May 19. The Vietnamese population here were on edge today and alarming rumours were circulated coinciding with the Vietminh leader Ho Chi-minh's birthday and also with the arrival of Generals Eli, Salan and Pelissier and Navarre.

The Air Force Commander, General Wang Shu-ming, also reported that an F-47 propeller-driven plane shot down a Communist MiG. This was the second time in history a propeller-driven craft has beaten a jet. One US plane performed thefeat in the Korean war.

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Invasion Of Tachen Expected

NATIONALISTS' STRONGHOLD

Taipei, May 20. An anticipated invasion of the Chinese Nationalists' Tachen Island stronghold by the Chinese Communists within 48 hours has caused an evacuation of all non-combatants from the area, it was reported today.

The elder son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Chiang Ching-kuo, head of the Nationalists' security force, rushed to the island, according to authoritative reports, and ordered it cleared of non-combatants.

Both naval and air battles have raged around the islands during the past week. The Tachen Islands are approximately 200 miles south of Shanghai and part of the "invasion bridge" to Formosa. Nationalist leaders admit the loss of the Tachen group would seriously reduce their outer defence network north of Formosa and hurt the blockade of the China coast.

There is a strict security blackout around the islands, where the Reds are reported exerting hard pressure on the scattered Nationalist outposts.

DOUBLING PATROLS

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Korea Proposal Now Ready

Geneva, May 20. The 16 non-Communist nations joint proposal on Korea is now ready, but will not be brought before the Geneva conference before next week, well-informed sources said here today.

These sources said that the plan was largely inspired by the proposals made by Australian Minister for External Affairs Mr Richard Casey for elections in both North and South Korea.—France-Press.

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TWO MEN at the MURDER..?

THE FORTUNE of all Britain seek Tony Rowe, the boy who vanished when his father was arrested for the murder of his estranged wife Diana in London. Tony has an illness which will kill him unless he is given an injection. Superintendent Stanley of Scotland Yard takes up the trail—and is shadowed by a stranger as he seeks Tony in the Edinburgh house where his father George lodged.

Edinburgh. On the third floor landing standing at the head of the worn stone steps, an open door behind her, was a woman in her late forties. She had a pleasant, open face, but at this moment it was creased with anxiety.

Behind her, peeping around the door, was the small boy. I could hear his urgent whisper: "That's him, Mum! He's coming up the stairs!"

She said: "You'll be from the police. Am I right?"

"From Scotland Yard," I replied. "And you'll be Mrs Macdonald, George Rowe's landlady?"

She stood aside and gestured for me to enter the flat. "You've come about the boy, about wee Tony? You were bound to find out in the end. I told my daughter we should have informed the police in the first place—but she wouldn't let me do it. It wouldn't help George's chances. And now..."

Her voice trailed away indefinitely and you could see the glint of tears in her eyes. Then she shook herself. "Come into the kitchen," she said more briskly, "and I'll tell you all about it over a cup of tea."



Illustration by ROBB.

"Think hard, Johnny—did Tony tell you anything before the man took him away?"

"No, Mum!" The small boy bounded out of the corridor and rushed up to Mrs Macdonald, tugging fiercely at her skirt. "You mustn't blab, Mum! Edna said we weren't to tell!"

She gently disengaged his hands. "I know, son. But you can't keep things back from the police. I'll have to tell this gentleman everything."

His little face blazed with anger. "Well, I won't," he shouted. "I won't tell a thing. And I know more than you do!" At which he flung himself round, raced down the corridor, and out of the front door, into the cutting east wind that blew along the sunlit street.

His mother stared after him. "Don't mind him," she said. "Wee John's a bit upset. The neighbourhood boys haven't been very nice about this murder business. You know what kids are. Ever since George

was arrested, they've been jeering about him, and John's been fighting back. Poor wee soul!"

"What about the other poor wee soul?" I said. "You've seen Tom Rowes, haven't you, Mrs Macdonald? He came here didn't he?"

"Yes," she said. "He arrived here on Sunday. I see by the papers that he was traced as far as Carlisle. That's all he had money for. After that, a lorry driver gave him a lift and dropped him in Leith Walk and he found his own way here."

I said: "You must have known we wanted the child by that time. His picture was in the Sunday papers. Why didn't you phone the police?"

There was sound behind me, and when I turned round there was a girl—a young and very pretty girl. "I'll tell you why," she said. "We guessed you wanted Tony to question him about his mother's murder again—"

"And you thought he would implicate his father," I cut in. "So you bid the child. That's it. Isn't it? You're Edna Macdonald, aren't you? You wanted to protect George Rowe, didn't you?"

She flushed. "What if I did?" she said. "I still want to protect him. I don't believe he killed his wife. George wouldn't do a thing like that. I love him, and I know. But if you'd got hold of the boy, you might have put ideas in his head, words in his mouth."

"You're not being very kind to the police," I said, gently. "They really don't do things like that, you know. But forget that for the moment. It's not important. Getting Tony to the doctor, and quickly, is. I want him. Where is he? Come on, out with it! Where is Tony Rowe?"

"That's the trouble," said Mrs Macdonald. "We don't know."

It took me another hour to get all the details out of them. They didn't help me much when I had them. Tony had arrived at Buckingham Street on Sunday, and no one seemed to have noticed his arrival. Mrs Macdonald and Edna had taken him in and given him a bath and a meal and then put him to bed while they debated what to do.

They had tried to get him to talk, but gave that tip when they saw how pale and exhausted he was. His eyes grew tired when they spoke about his mother. They decided to let him recover before asking him any questions. They also decided to keep his presence a secret, and told him he must not leave the flat.

He was still asleep when I went off to work this morning," said Edna. "Mum decided to keep John home from school to stay with Tony. She went out shopping, telling them to stay around the house."

She was away only a few minutes. But when she came back the flat was empty. Both Tony and John had disappeared. It was nearly an hour later that John returned. He was weeping, and told her he had taken Tony with him to buy a comic from the paper shop.

The two boys never got there. As soon as they emerged from the courtyard a man stepped across the road, took hold of Tony, put a hand over his mouth, and bundled him into a car.

"It drove away, leaving my John standing on the pavement," said Mrs Macdonald. "He ran after it and followed it into Leith Walk and up the hill towards Princes Street, but then it disappeared."

I jumped to my feet. "Where's your boy, Mrs Macdonald? I must talk to him. I've got to have all the details. This is a matter of life or death."

"I'll get him," said Edna, and came back presently, dragging wee John behind her.

It took some time, but he thawed at last and took me into his confidence. Not that he helped much. He couldn't remember what kind of a car it was that had taken Tony away. He didn't describe the man in any detail.

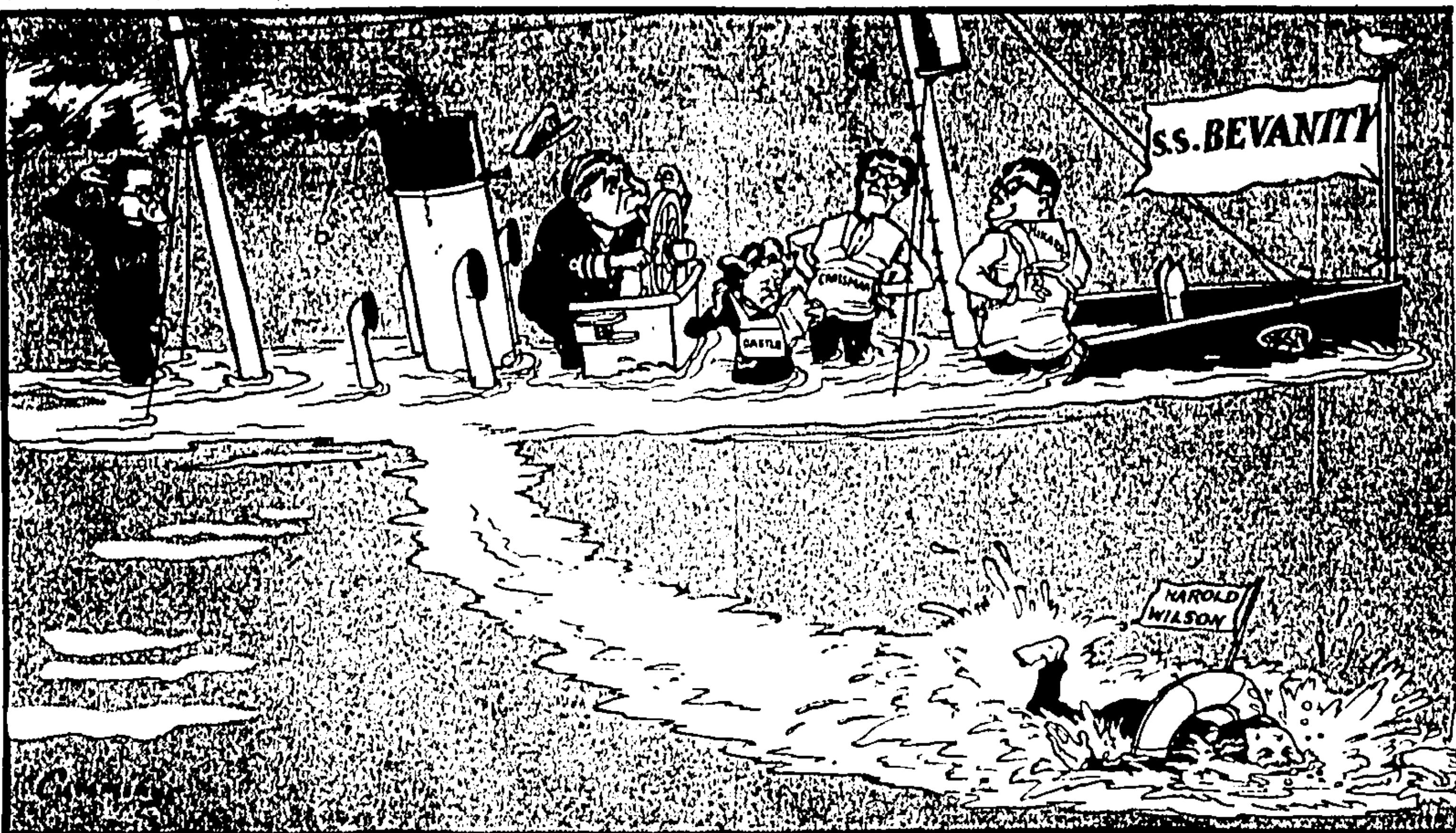
"Think hard, Johnny," I said. "Did Tony tell you anything—anything at all, before the man took him away?"

He struggled with his memory, and his face lit up. "Yes," he said. "He said 'TWO men,' he said."

"Aye, two," he replied. "One man held her down while the other beat her. They didn't know he was there, because his mum had locked him in the cupboard. The sonnies let him out, and when he looked at the bed his mum didn't move, so he ran away."

"The world was looking at me now. You see what this means, don't you?" said Edna Macdonald. "If two men did the murder, why have you arrested George? You must set him free, do you hear me?"

"TOMORROW!"
Where is the thieving tent?"



ANY MORE FOR THE SHORE?

(London Express Service)

STAY AT THE BOTTOM By LES ARMOUR

A MILLIONAIRE may live better than a tramp, but he is not likely to live longer.

For the first time in 20 years, the British government has completed a study of the comparative death rates in different social classes and it seems we are swiftly approaching social equality in longevity.

Indeed, if the current trends continue, the tramp may well outlive the millionaire.

In 1923, the "professional" man had fairly long odds on the unskilled worker and proportionate odds on the classes in between.

TIDE TURNS

By 1932, the tide had begun to turn—both ways. The death rate among the professional class was rising and the death rate among unskilled workers was falling. Since then the trend has continued fairly evenly.

The conclusion is alarming: Medical science seems to be licking the diseases which afflict the unskilled, while the diseases more common to the professional man are on the upsurge.

To some degree, the diseases which hit the professional man hardest seem to be those with a "mental" factor—coronary heart disease, hypertension, vascular lesions of the central nervous system.

Some of them, however, are not so easily explained. Certain kinds of cancer show up at one end of the social scale while others are more common at the other end. Stomach ulcers, usually associated with nervous strain, increase as you go down the scale.

COMPLEXITY

No simple explanation is likely.

Yet there would seem to be some reason for thinking that the diseases which have their roots partly in the increasing complexity of life are those proving most difficult, and that the unskilled worker probably feels these pressures less than the professional man.

Looking at the figures another way, it is clear that the tendency of women to outlive men is strong, and the differences between the death rates of the various social classes are less marked among women.

Suicide is most common at the ends of the social scale—though the highest incidence is among the unskilled. In the middle brackets suicide is least common.

All in all, it seems best to be in the "intermediate" class between the professional man and the skilled worker. The death rate there shows a steady and consistent decline over the last 30 years.

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BANNISTER DID MORE THAN RUN THAT MILE

New York, Tuesday. JUST when some people here were saying that the British were faint-hearted, weak-kneed, and lacking speed and stamina, along comes Roger Bannister running the mile like a meteor.

Poor Mr William Knowland, Republican minority leader in the Senate, had hardly finished writing off the British as a "total loss" when the news came that Bannister had broken through the speed barrier.

Mr Knowland then said that he specialised in politics, did not know much about sport, but, anyway, "hearty congratulations."

Enthusiasm

OTHER Americans were more enthusiastic. Critics who had been arguing that Spain and Turkey were the United States' only reliable allies in Europe suddenly exploded with praise for Bannister and Britain was despatched.

It is Republicans such as Knowland who have been accusing us of an about-face and timidity.

Memories are extraordinarily short in the politics of convenience. I can think back to 1941, three months before Pearl Harbour, when conscription in the United States was extended by only one vote after a personal plea by President Roosevelt, although France had collapsed and Britain was despatched at home and abroad.

Pearl Harbour, of course, changed everything overnight, and then Germany declared war on the United States. Mr Knowland must have a very poor memory.

Our diplomats are remaining cool and assured, Sir Pierston Dixon, who has succeeded Sir Gladwyn Jebb as our chief delegate to the United Nations, has started quietly and impressively.

Sir Roger Makins, our Ambassador in Washington, has not made any spectacular news nor had the impact that Lord Halifax made on the American public. But he is well liked by the White House and the State Department.

Audrey Hepburn says: "I am only 24, but I've lived a life-time already." Now she is having the time of her life.

Marlene Dietrich's opening night at London's Cafe de Paris is already completely sold out.

American showmen are delighted with the London success of "The Tenth Man."

On the whole, we are speaking out for ourselves and demanding attention to the British come-back.

This week a wonderful advertisement appeared in the

group, is a member, and so are Isolationists Hamilton Fish, former Senator Burton Wheeler, and John Flynn, the author

Fish says: "Our aim is to recruit six million voters, and we are starting a fund of half a million dollars." I have asked if Senator McCarthy is to be invited to join the group, but all anyone will say at this time is that the organisation may "revolve" around McCarthy. "Revolve" is right.

Significant

DON'T let me exaggerate the importance of the "For America" organisation. I don't expect it to get very far unless more moderate men decide to try to ride the wave of nationalism, but its formation at a time when public opinion is in a ferment could have significance.

A lot of people, including ex-President Harry Truman, who has been in New York for a day or two, are blaming President Eisenhower for much of the mix-up at home and abroad.

Mr Truman said Mr Eisenhower must be "master in his own house" otherwise someone will be moving in.

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This week a wonderful

London. HE merry month of May, Will Shakespeare called it. And today, close on four centuries later, is there a better place to spend May than in his own town of Stratford-on-Avon?

If you ask me — there isn't! May is the month when we suddenly want to shake off the shackles of work. And, from personal experience, I can say that Stratford is just the place

for a holiday. The sunnies let him out, and when he looked at the bed his mum didn't move, so he ran away."

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Everyone who goes to the town hears the story of New Place, the house where Shakespeare died. Its owner—and a minister at that—became so tired of people knocking on the door asking to see the house and the mulberry tree Shakespeare planted that he cut the tree down and removed the house brick by brick.

Nevertheless, Stratford is a town where you can relax. There's the theatre, of course, so austere outside that some say it looks like a jam factory, but so comfortable inside.

It's packed from pit to gods

every night during the eight

months festival. This year, with

the influx of youth in the com-

pany and with the unconventional interpretation of many

of the plays, it's possibly more

entertaining than ever.

It's a strange thing,

though. Smart clothes are for-

gotten. At the theatre, men

wear sports jackets; women,

skirts.

Shakespeare or no Shake-

speare, the setting of the town

makes it attractive in its own

right—the half-timbered build-

ings in the main street, the garlands and, of course, the

tweed suits. Some are even in

hiking kit, and there's only a

sprinkling of silks and satins.

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holiday town and most of the

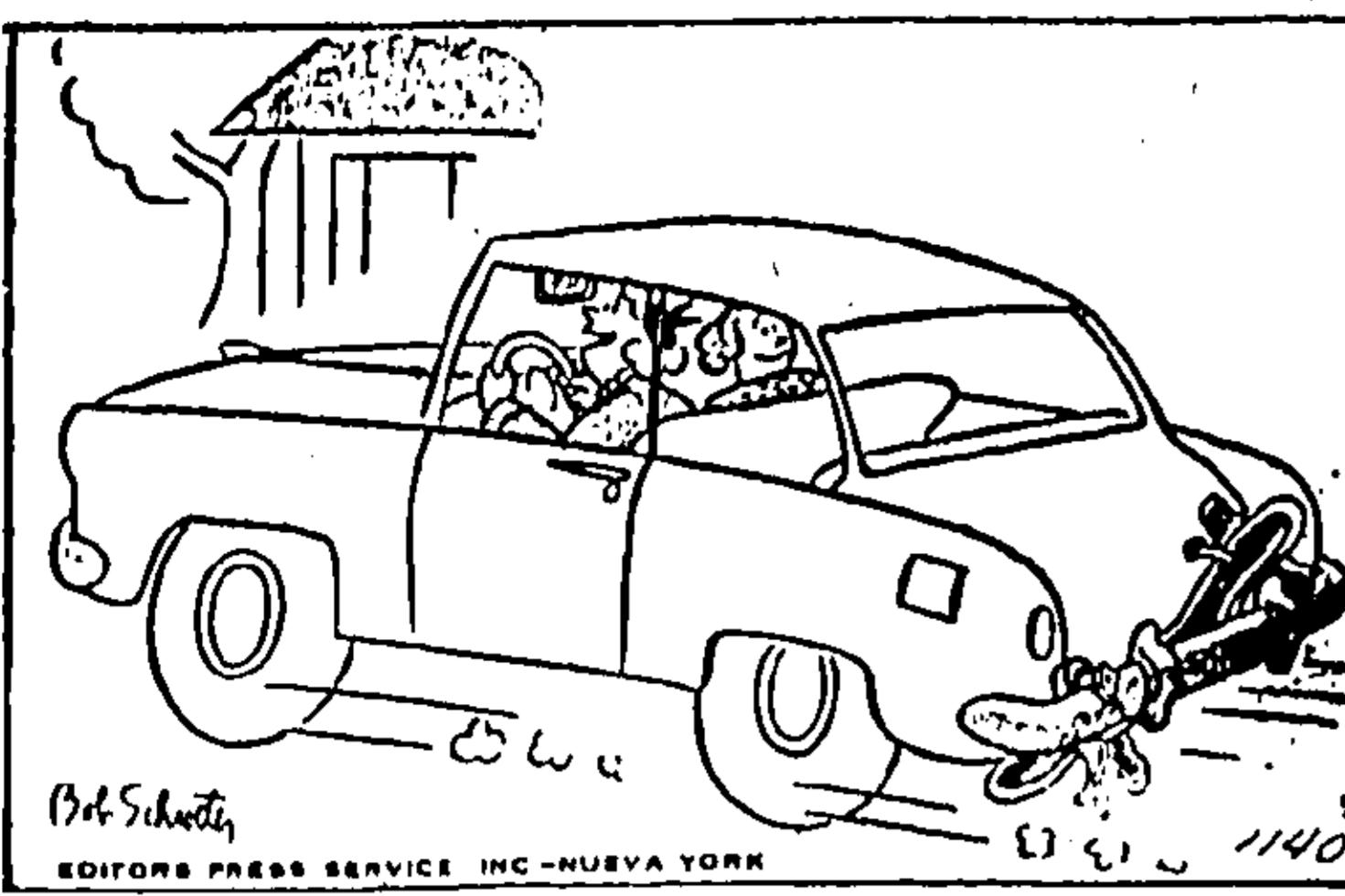
theatre-goers are "living in

suicides" and haven't had time

to pack even a cocktail dress to

bring with them. Still, it seems

a little sad that there should be</



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C. SUET, Esq., has perfected instead a system of overall averages which explains in simple figures why the rising curve of prices, when it meets the sinking curve of potential personal outlay, tends to equalisation.

Suet says: "The non-purchase of necessities closes the gap between inflations and outgoings. If coal went up to £30 a ton, the fewer people who bought it, the smaller would be the outlay, spread over a marginal total. Packup would thus balance the cost-of-living index." Stationary. It may be called the balance of potentials."

Mrs Wretch lashes out

If stock car racing were allowed on the roads, it would not only encourage skill and initiative, but it would be a valuable demonstration for the children who are taking courses in road safety, and a stimulus to those drivers who lack road courtesy. The spirit of Drake is not dead so long as men and women can be found to engage in this new sport.

(Mrs Wretch).

Marginal note

I SAW yesterday a sneering reference to Thoreau. He was a frightful bore, but I honour him for the prophetic phrase, "Improved means to an unimproved end."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MAY 20

BORN today, you have a delightful sense of humour and a wit which could win you high place in the social world. Although you are too light-headed and gay to be the annual observer, you are actually a very serious person. You know how to play your part and mean to follow the blue print. You intend to make something of yourself and are not to be deterred from reaching your goal.

Your emotions are near the surface and this may tend to make you somewhat impulsive and thus can be forgiven. But you have a hot temper, as well, and when the two get started at once and the same

FRIDAY, MAY 21

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Don't accept a friend's confidence to keep your secret to keep it invisible. Never gossip.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)—You are the type to be bothered by an uncompleted job, so get it done today and then you can relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 20)—Finish up all odds and ends at the office so that you will have a clear conscience and an empty brief case over the week end.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you have made plans for your advancement in the past, now is the time to activate them successfully.

VENUS (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—A fine shopping trip is in store for you. Look for the papers for sales of things you need and want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Concentrate your attention on what is going on in the present rather than on what has happened or may occur in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)—Hold fast to your ambitions, especially if your job does not keep you interested, don't expect to be too good at it! Find one that does intrigue you.

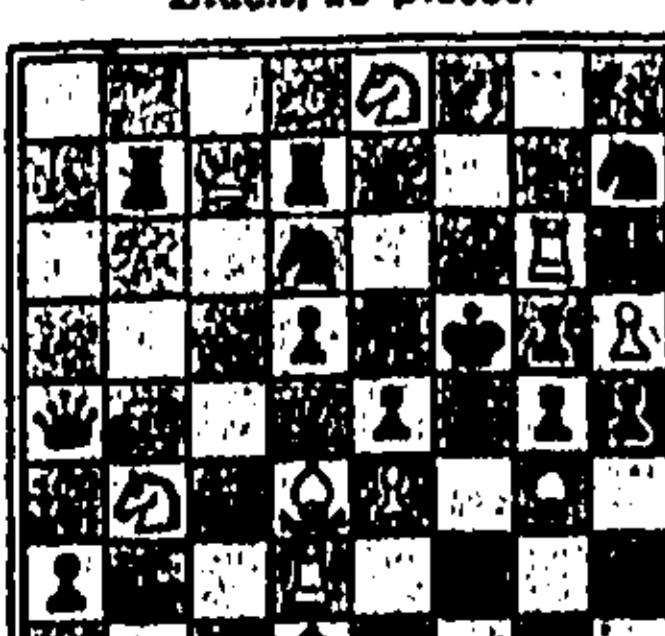
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Be careful that you are not too visionary today. Your tact is more important just now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Look with both eyes; to truth rather than gossip. Otherwise you can be seriously fooled.

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. PINTER

Black, 13 pieces.



• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Some Bad Hands Give Many Thrills

By OSWALD JACOBY

CERTAIN unfortunate hands give you a big thrill even if you happen to be on the wrong side of them. After a short time, the sting of defeat vanishes, and you are able to view the hand with amusement and perhaps even pride.

For example, take the case of the player who held the West cards in the hand given today. He wasn't very pleased with the results at first, but he gained a bridge story that very few bridge players will be able to top. West made an opening lead that cost twenty-six tricks.

Perhaps we had better gloss over the bidding. South knew that he didn't have a real spade stopper, but he hoped that his partner had a high spade or that West wouldn't lead the suit, or that West would understand the ace and king.

It didn't seem to South that he had a game in diamonds (and of course he was perfectly right) and he thought that the most likely game was at no-

NORTH		13
♦	10 8	
♥	K 9 6	
♦	K 9 6	
♦	A Q K Q J 7	
WEST (D)	EAST	
♦ A K 7 0 4 3 2	♦ 9 5	
♦ 10 5	♦ A Q J 8 7 3	
♦ 0 3	♦ 2	
♦ 8 0	♦ 3 4 3 2	
SOUTH		
♦ Q J		
♦ 4 2		
♦ A Q J 9 8 5 4		
♦ 10 9		
North-South vul.		
West	North East South	
3 ♠	Double Pass	3 N.T. (!)
Pass	Pass	Pass
		Opening lead—♦ 6

North-South vul.

West North East South

3 ♠ Double Pass 3 N.T. (!)

Pass Pass Opening lead—♦ 6

trump. I wouldn't dream of recommending South's bid of three no-trump, but I'm glad he made it since otherwise we wouldn't have this story.

West thought that South had a stopper in spades. In this case the only chance to bring in the spade suit consisted in leading a low spade in the hope that East had two cards in the suit and some fast entry. Hence West opened his fourth-best spade.

South won the first spade trick, and quickly took seven diamonds and five clubs for the rest of the tricks.

If West had opened the king of spades, he would have seen the whole story very quickly. He would continue with the ace of spades and then run the rest of his seven-card suit.

East would promptly discard the worthless clubs and diamonds, making it clear that he wanted a shift to hearts whenever West go, finished with his spades. West would obediently lead the ten of hearts, whereupon East would take the rest of the tricks with hearts. The defenders would take thirteen tricks instead of losing thirteen tricks.

Then Christopher Cricket was saying to Knarf and Handl, the shadow children with the snow had begun to fall) I heard a voice calling: "Mother! Mother..."

"The voice was faint and small. It seemed to come from somewhere near the bottom of the great Old Oak. But I could better let me start from the beginning and tell you all about it!"

"Yes, please tell us everything," Handl said. "And don't leave anything out," said Knarf.

Christopher Cricket nodded and made himself comfortable on the edge of the carpet near the glowing fire in the fireplace, and finally began as follows:

"It was cold last night, just as it is tonight. But the moon was shining and the wind had stopped blowing. So, not having been outside the house for several days, I decided to have a bit of a stroll all by myself.

"Well, my dears, I walked quite a way across the garden (though there weren't any flowers in the garden), and across the field (though there was nothing growing in the field), and at last I reached the edge of the wood.

"Now, the trees were still standing in the wood. Only none of them had any leaves; just bare trunks and branches. How differently they all looked from the way they looked in the spring and summer and autumn. I hardly recognized the great Old Oak—the biggest and oldest tree in the wood. Yet, I should have known it even so. The trunk was thick and gnarled, and the branches were twisted and crooked.

"After a while, Christopher Cricket heard a noise from the bushes. It sounded like a bird singing. He looked around and saw a small bird perched on a branch of a tree. It was a tiny acorn.

"'An acorn!' Knarf exclaimed. Christopher Cricket nodded. "It was the Old Oak's little one. For great oaks grow from tiny acorns. And this one was sleeping next to its mother, waiting for the spring to come, to birds, to people. But now sleep.'

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BUSMEN THE CHAMPIONS —BUT GAME WITH RAF WAS NO MERE FORMALITY

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Hall...the new Champions. By their victory over the Royal Air Force at the Club Stadium yesterday afternoon, KMB realised their greatest ambition and became League Champions for the first time in their history. There was no doubt about their eventual superiority in this game although they gave even their staunchest supporters many anxious moments during the first half.

Any idea that the Busmen may have had that this game was to be a mere formality was quickly dispelled. The Airmen immediately struck a fast open game and kept the ball accurately on the move. KMB had their chances but a sound RAF defence, and some indifferent finishing, kept them from scoring.

Just before the interval Louder made a great effort to put his side to the lead. He raced through the defence, resisted a couple of tackles, and blazed a powerful shot just over the edge of the bar.

A clean sheet at the interval was just about a fair reflection on the play and certainly at that stage neither side deserved to lose the ball.

KMB started the second half in very different fashion from the way they had finished the first. Right from the restart it was obvious that they had been told to swing the ball about and they were soon attacking the RAF goal.

It was clearly the intention of the Busmen to get a quick goal and in the 30th minute they hit the ball in the net but this was disallowed for some infringement which was not quite clear from the stands.

MERELY DELAYED

The score, however, was merely delayed and with five minutes of the second half gone Tang Yee-kit was on the spot to move on a through pass and place the ball into the net.

He repeated his effort in the 10th and 15th minute, to notch a brilliant hat-trick and was unlucky with another two shots which went narrowly past the post.

MOST VERSATILE

The half-backs all did well but a special word must go to Szeto Man who is surely a favourite for the title of the "Colony's most versatile player".

The Busmen's forward line did not always click as it has done in the past but in Tang Yee-kit they had the best forward effort, and he got excellent service from Lee Tai-fai and Lee Shiu-fai, while Szeto Man was the one who spotted the RAF defensive weaknesses in the second half.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TWELFTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 22nd May, 1954.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each payable at the Gate. Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each and Cash Sweep Tickets for the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382, Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 11 a.m. on the race day.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to him and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

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Bookmakers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

BOOKMAKERS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Two men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. M. MISA,
Secretary.

FOLLOWING IN DAD'S FOOTSTEPS



Six-year-old Brian Finney, son of Preston and England outside-right Tom Finney, would appear to be following in the footsteps of his famous father. Equipped with boots, shorts and shirts in the Preston colours, young Brian even has his father's No. 7 on his back. He is "shaping quite well" according to his dad.—Central Press Photo.

COUNTY CRICKET

Bruce Dooland Puts Up His Best Ever Bowling Performance

London, May 19.

Australian leg spin bowler Bruce Dooland put up the best bowling performance of his career today, playing for Nottinghamshire, when he took the last eight Essex wickets for 39 runs.

This feat beat his eight for 74 for the Commonwealth XI against Mysore on the India tour in 1950. His performances seemed to prove that the re-laying of the notorious "featherbed" pitch, which had broken many bowlers' hearts, was having results.

No Upsets In French Tennis Championships

Paris, May 19.

Ken Rosewall, the Australian defending champion, and seeded No. 3 for the men's title, was not inspiring while beating Ivan Plecevic (Yugoslavia) for the loss of two games in each of three sets during the first round of the French Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

The major international clash ended with the defeat of India's Narendra Nath by Jack Arkin (Australia) whose successes in Indian tennis during recent months included the All-India hard courts title. He and Nath were doubles partners there.

Ramnathan Krishnan, the 10-year-old Indian champion, was outclassed by Art Larson (United States) though he took his best performance, scoring 72 not out against Glamorgan.

Middlesex gave the Somerset bowlers a hot time. Replying to a total of 162 made in just over four hours, the opening pair, Brown and Robertson, took 50 off the first 11 overs in 35 minutes, passed 80 in an hour and reached 110 in 80 minutes before the partnership was broken.

Other stars to survive included Jaroslav Drobny (Egypt), Tony Trabert (United States), Kurt Nielsen (Denmark) and Sven Davidson (Sweden) on a day when there were no major upsets and very little excitement for the crowd.

Britain's chances of success in the women's singles weakened considerably when their seeded players withdrew.

Miss Helen Fletcher was admitted to hospital with mumps and as a quarantine precaution Mrs Joy Mottram, will return home tomorrow.

Billy Knight, who won the Australian junior title, got over his first hurdle, while Tony Mottram, Britain's number 1 player, continued the good form he has been showing this season by defeating the German Davis Cup player, E. Buchholz, in straight sets.

Roger Becker, however, fell before Bob Falkenburg, the former American winner of the Wimbledon title and now qualified for Brazil.—Reuter.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

The following were the close of play scores in first class cricket matches played today:

At Lord's: Somerset 152 (Warr four for 38); Middlesex 151 for one (Robertson 57; Brown not out 71).

At the Oval: Northamptonshire 180 (Oldfield 100; Surrey 88 for one).

At Southampton: Derbyshire 202 (Kelly 61; Dure five for 49); Hampshire 59 for two.

At Bradford: Warwickshire 282; Sussex 12 for no wicket.

At Cambridge: Cambridge University 274 (O'Brien 93); Yorkshire eight for no wicket.

At Swindon: Lancashire 374 for nine (Washbrook 55; Place 149; Smith 94; Hilton not out 72); Glamorgan to bat.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLES



MOST SURPRISING UPSET AT LAWN BOWLS TRIALS

The failure of some top favourites to come up to form and brilliant performances from unexpected quarters featured the first lawn bowls trial match at the Hong-kong Football Club yesterday for the purpose of choosing the Colony's five-man Empire Games team.

Most surprising upset of the afternoon was the overwhelming 6-25 defeat of M. B. Hassan, A. E. Coates, A. M. Omar and Johnny Ribeiro, by J. Chubb, A. A. Lopes, R. Luz and J. McKelvie.

The losers, who were on paper the strongest of the five ranks of inspiring contenders and who seemed to the spectators to form the basic rink of the selection, were never anywhere near the form produced by their opponents.

Trailing behind by 5-13 from the first few opening heads of the game, they could only manage to get as close as 6-17 during the whole match.

BRILLIANT FORM

Largely brilliant for their defeat was the brilliant form displayed by Jack Chubb as lead and Raoul Luz, No. 3 in the opposing rink. Despite the one-sidedness of the score, the match between the two rinks must have furnished an extremely useful guide to the seven-man Selection Committee for their performances yesterday. Luz looked almost a certain candidate for the No. 3 berth in the Colony rink and Jack Chubb an extremely likely bowler to fill the fourth position.

The next trial, which will be held at the Police Club on Monday, will see these two most successful players of the opening trial being teamed up with E. Coates and Johnny Ribeiro and their match will be against M. B. Hassan, A. A. Lopes, R. S. Gourlay and J. A. Luz.

With this game and also that between the two only other rinks remaining for consideration, it seems that the Colony rink will assume proper shape by the time the third and final trial is held on May 31 at the PRC.

Another creditable performance yesterday was that of the rink comprising A. P. Pereira, A. L. G. Eastman, G. C. Norman and A. Harvey who defeated E. S. Liddell, G. A. Souza, F. G. N. Gomes, T. E. Baker, E. S. Liddell v. W. C. Simpson, A. M. Omar, E. R. Roselet, and G. J. Cruz.

Between lunch and tea the figures were 29 overs, 21 maidens, 18 runs and four wickets. Oxford, 76 for one at lunch, slumped to 131 for seven, mainly due to their hostile attack. Later batsmen tried to hit him off his length, A. K. Fasken, going in number 10, to some extent succeeding.

Fasken hit a bold 61 and was mainly responsible for the University total reaching a respectable 293.

Khan Mohammad, the medium fast bowler who plays for Lowerhouse in the Lancashire League, gave Mohammad valuable support and finished with four for 93.

Allmuddin and Hanif Mohammad, opening the Pakistan innings, played out the last hour without trouble.

THE SCOREBOARD

Oxford University, 1st innings

Smith, b. Fazal Mahmood ... 63

Marsland, b. Khan Mohammad ... 4

Williams, c. Shujauddin, b. K. Mohammad ... 36

Cowdry, c. K. Mohammad, b. Mahmood ... 19

Fellowes-Smith, b. F. Mahmood ... 3

Deltic, c. Imtiaz Ahmed, b. K. Mohammad ... 6

Arenhold, st. Imtiaz Ahmed, b. K. Mohammad ... 28

Walsh, b. F. Mahmood ... 1

Allan, c. Imtiaz Ahmed, b. F. Mahmood ... 22

Fasken, c. Kardar, b. K. Mohammad ... 61

Jowett, not out 16

Extras 9

Total 263

Pakistan, 1st innings

Henif Mohammad, not out 10

Allmuddin, not out 21

Extras 4

Total (for no wicket) 35

Reuter.

Sir Gordon Richards In Hospital After Being Heavily Thrown

Salisbury, May 10.

Sir Gordon Richards, Britain's champion jockey, was taken to hospital with concussion after being thrown heavily during a race here this afternoon.

The mishap occurred during the Devizes Handicap, when both Gordon's mount, Misty Night, and another horse, Sea Spring, fell suddenly. Sea Spring's rider, an apprentice, Roy Manders, was taken to hospital with concussion and a suspected fractured leg.

Both jockeys were taken off the course in an ambulance. Sea Spring had to be destroyed.

Sir Gordon Richards, 50, is due to ride to the Queen's colt in the Derby in two weeks' time.

A doctor at Salisbury hospital said tonight an X-ray showed no bones broken.

Sir Gordon Richards was suffering from concussion and would be detained, he added.

Later a doctor at the hospital said Sir Gordon Richards might have to rest and not ride for a fortnight. This would mean he will not ride Landau for the Queen in the Derby on June 2.—Reuter.





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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

A Hitch In South Africa's New Meadowland Scheme

Johannesburg, May 19.

South Africa's plan to remove compulsorily 70,000 natives from some of Johannesburg's worst slums to a new dormitory town has been temporarily postponed.

The Government had intended to move the first batch to Meadowlands last month, but the Native Affairs Minister, Dr H. F. Verwoerd, said that there would be no removals until 1,000 houses and a school were ready.

Housing experts estimated that the teams of African builders now hastily erecting austere-type houses at the settlement will take months to reach even this first target.

The Government remains firm in its intention to wipe out Johannesburg's "black spots" of Sophiatown, Newclare and Martindale, which are surrounded by "white areas."

If the Government's apartheid policy is to have any practical meaning, the natives must be removed from these areas," argues Dr Verwoerd, arch-apostle of apartheid.

Anti-Government speakers have attacked the scheme, claiming that it is an ideological luxury, but most Government observers say it cannot be denied that the plan will rid Johannesburg of the squalor and crime which are rampant in the city's slums.

Another aspect of the evacuation is that the rickety corrugated iron and mud shanties in the suburbs may be razed and the district given over to industry.

The new settlement is five or six miles from the city, and was bare veld country a few months ago. It is being transformed into a town of mass-produced, austere three-roomed houses with communal taps and rough roads.

Here, 14,000 native families will be transported in fleets of lorries. The aim is to move them in "village units" of about 1,000 at a time.

The Government has yet to overcome the most serious problem associated with the plan—that of transport for commuters between Meadowlands and Johannesburg.

Nearly all of the men, who will move to Meadowlands, work in city shops, offices and factories and they will have to compete for travelling space in the already vastly overcrowded electric railway system.

Early morning and late afternoon trains are always packed to the luggage racks. Natives fight their way through the doors and windows as the trains move off, and scores ride to work hanging on precariously to the outside of the carriages and even on the buffers.

The thousands of extra Meadowlands commuters will cause chaos on the already creaky railway system unless the Government can find a speedy solution to the problem.

Native opinion on their biggest mass removal in the nation's history is divided.

Many welcome the chance to get away from their slum-made filth and squalor to what, for many, will fulfil hopes and long-standing ambitions for a life of decency and contentment.

They believe that the scheme is the first real attempt to tackle the pressing problem of African housing.

Others are bitter because they will have to forfeit freehold rights of land they now occupy and have been offered only leasehold at Meadowlands by Dr Verwoerd.

Freehold has been offered elsewhere, but the coloured people fear that these areas, as yet undefined, will be too far from the city.—United Press.

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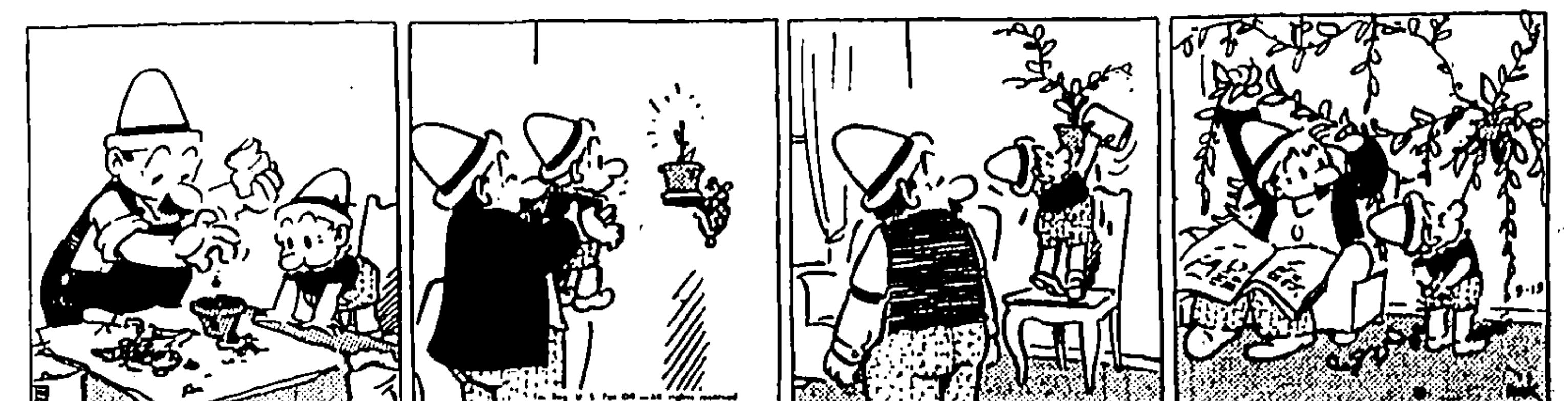
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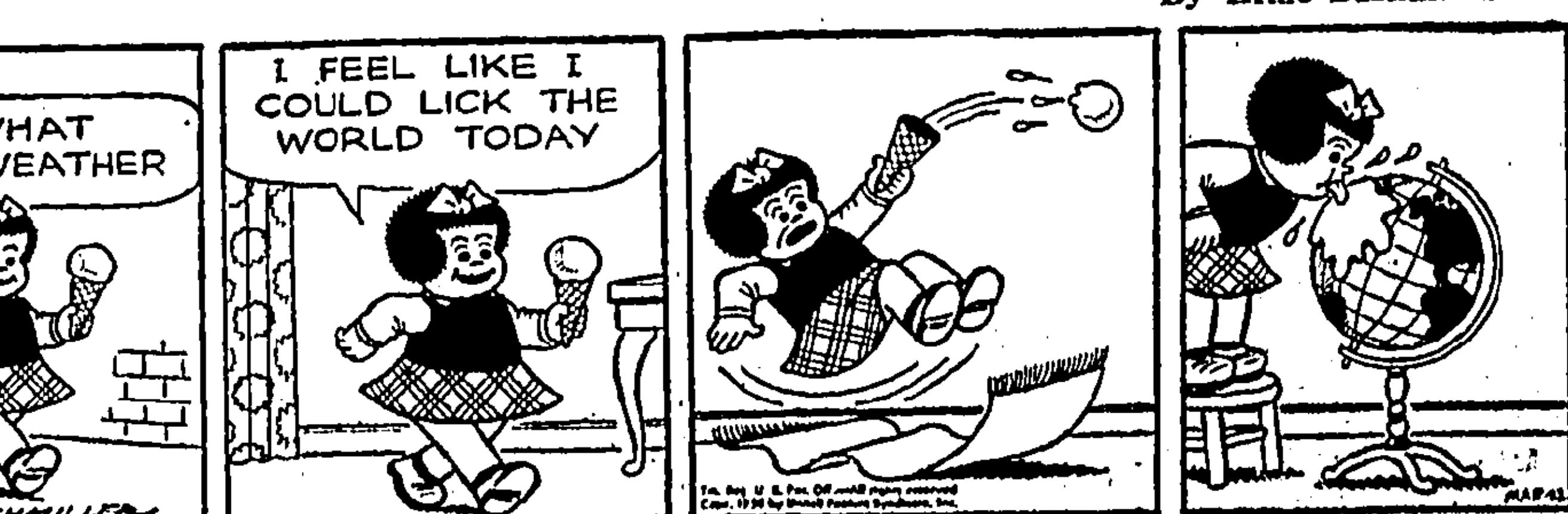
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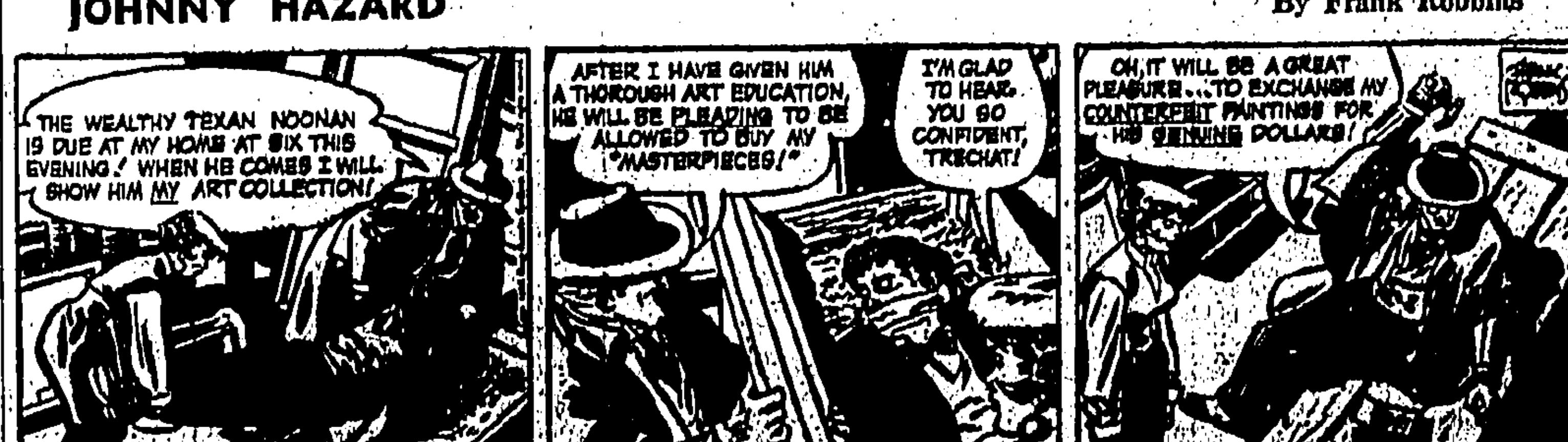
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Plan For Part-Time Clergy

London, May 19.

Conditions under which part-time clergymen might be employed by the Episcopal Church in Scotland are contained in a resolution which will be submitted to the annual meeting of the Representative Church Council in Dundee, beginning today.

The resolution is submitted by the Joint Clergy Sustentation and Home Mission Funds Board.

They propose that the part-time clergymen shall be licensed, not instituted; on first appointment he shall receive remuneration approximating to what is normally paid to a priest taking Sunday duty—say £3, 3s. a week, or £2, 2s. if he occupies the rectory; and that the Joint Board shall at the first opportunity study each individual appointment, and if a grant is necessary, make particular provision for it.

They also propose that until such particular provision has been made by the Joint Board, the charge shall be entitled to receive such financial assistance as is at present allowed for the provision of services during a vacancy; and that the part-time clergymen will be expected to rely on the provision made in his secular calling for his own and his widow's pensions.

But the appropriate committee might consider whether he could be given the option of buying himself into the clergy schemes.

With regard to clergymen undertaking part-time secular work the Board proposes: If the permission of the Bishop has been given and the approval of the Vestry obtained, each individual case shall be reported to the Joint Board for its separate consideration. The approval of the Bishop, and the vestry shall be required.

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THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1954.



Cotton Exchange In Hongkong Advocated

Chairman's Report To Textile Corp., Ltd Shareholders

The hope that when Government implements its proposed measures in aid of local industry, encouragement towards the establishment of a Cotton Exchange in Hongkong will be placed in the forefront, is expressed by Mr G. E. Marden, Chairman of the Textile Corporation of Hongkong, Ltd., in his annual report circulated to shareholders today.

He adds that the absence of such an Exchange in Hongkong, the functions of which would be to iron out to a great extent the fluctuations which affect the local textile industry, is keenly felt.

The report of the Directors shows that profit for the year amounts to \$1,521,298, and it is proposed to pay a final dividend of 10 cents a share, free of tax, on 1,200,000 shares. An interim dividend, which absorbed \$640,000 was paid on January 30 of this year.

The text of Mr Marden's printed report to shareholders reads:

The perusal of our first annual report and accounts will undoubtedly afford to members the gratification they have given to the Board during their preparation and I propose to allow the results largely to speak for themselves.

Members will appreciate that the purchase of our property was effected at the end (not fully apparent although it may then have been) of a period of difficulties in the local textile manufacturing industry—and that improved conditions have been experienced throughout the year. Considerations of price, modified by the requirements of the Empire preference regulations, influence purchases of raw cotton by local spinners much more than do those of uniformity of grade and type. Pakistan was the principal source of supply during the early part of our year and until rising prices there supposedly due to purchases by China, and an increase in Pakistan's own spinners, stopped further business. Since then a fair amount of Brazilian Cotton has been purchased.

PRICE FLUCTUATIONS
The price per bale of raw cotton (392 lbs. net) has fluctuated between HK\$805 at the beginning of the year and \$910 at its close, a low of \$860 occurring in April 1953 and a high of \$922 in March 1954. These prices are approximations for a fair average grade of Medium Staple Pakistan New Crop suitable for local spinning into 20 counts yarn. The selling price of 20 count cotton yarn of good export quality has fluctuated between \$1,180 per bale (400 lbs.) at the beginning of the year and \$1,200 at its close, a low of \$1,160 occurring on 30th October and a high of \$1,320 on 27th May 1953. In the case of cloth, the price of standard quality grey jeans has fluctuated to a similar pattern but within even wider limits, the high occurring in May 1953, being no less than 50% in excess of the low in December 1953. It will be observed that selling prices do not bear adequate relation to raw material costs and, whilst the immediate cause of the discrepancy is the spasmodic nature of the demand from certain consuming areas, the fundamental cause is the absence of an organised forward market to which I refer later.

Our own production of Yarn was largely disposed of to local weavers, as we have decided to proceed slowly and cautiously with the establishment of our export brands. I may say that in continuing our own policy of forward sales, we have steadily refused to take advantage of the substantial premium sometimes offered for spot cargo and have maintained all our contracted deliveries on due date. This has already earned us a measure of valuable goodwill amongst local consumers. It is worthy of remark that except for these short periods of keen demand the net prices realised from sales of Yarn to the export market have been somewhat lower than could be obtained from local sales. Our "Million Elephant" brand is steadily establishing itself in South East Asia, but we have diverted much of our local capacity to orders for specified weavers for the home market

MURDER CHARGE

Question Of Bail Discussed

The question of bail was discussed before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning when Lee Pak-to, alias Toby Lee, 25, charged with the murder of Sarah Tong at The Peak on New Year's Eve appeared again on a formal remand.

Mr M. A. da Silva, representing Lee, said later that he would make his necessary application to a Judge in the Supreme Court. The accused was formally remanded for seven days in gaol custody.

When the case was called today, Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, asked for a formal remand of one week in gaol custody. He added that the Crown was anxious that the case should be heard as soon as possible.

Mr Silva said he was instructed on behalf of the accused to make a most emphatic and strenuous application for bail. "I feel, Sir, that under the special circumstances of this very abnormal case..."

QUESTIONS ORDINANCE

Rising from his seat, Mr Rea apologised for his interruption and said that under the Section 100 of the Magistrate's Ordinance, it was stated that no person should be admitted to bail under a charge of murder.

Mr Silva said that the section was not familiar to him. It was different from English law where the Justices of Peace were entitled to admit the accused to bail for every offence including murder, but except treason. The law in Hongkong had been changed to make both treason and murder not within the Magistrate's perview, he added. He said he would make an application to a Judge in the Supreme Court.

The accused, a clerk living at No. 69, Calne Road, top floor, is alleged to have murdered Sarah Tong, alias Tong Yuen-ching, at Harlech Road, The Peak, on December 31, 1953.

Poured Boiling Oil Over Dog

For pouring boiling oil over the head of a red setter at Eastern Garden, St. Francis Street, on May 16, Lo Leung, 28, was fined \$200 by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

The owner of the dog, Mr D. Chan brought the animal into Court and told Mr Lo it had recovered from its ordeal and he did not wish to claim compensation from the defendant.

In joining our dormitory and godown lot on the northern side of Castle Peak Road and it is our intention eventually to house the whole of our weaving operations on the site. Our staff and labour relations are, I am pleased to inform you, excellent and I think I may say that the labour force of over 700 is composed of contented workers. A notable contribution to this end has been made by the establishment of the new Tsun Wan Clinic which will provide services for the growing industrial area and we would congratulate Government on its inauguration. We have been well served by our Head Office Sales and Technical staffs. Mr V. J. Song, who has tactfully used his wide experience in dealing with labour of the type we use together with Mr F. F. Fan, whose joint functions include our sales and cotton buying activities, have with their respective staffs contributed substantially to the satisfactory results, whilst Mr Ormerod, our Mill Manager, together with his staff, have deserved our especial thanks.

I said earlier that I proposed to allow the figures in the Balance Sheet to speak for themselves, but perhaps I ought to point out that we have written off the whole of the Preliminary & Capital Issue expenses which, in fact, were substantially lower than the estimate given in our Prospectus. The Fixed Assets represent substantially our original purchase of the Land, Buildings & Machinery, the stamp duty thereon, and the cost of the two Ring Frames to which I have referred. We have repaid \$400,000. to our bankers and have set up, subject to your approval, an Overall Depreciation Reserve which your directors consider desirable in view of the lump sum purchase price paid for the bulk of our Fixed Assets. The large cash balance is, of course, necessary in view of our proposed expansion.

FACtORY EXPANSION

During February two new Ring Frames purchased in Japan commenced operation and have added to our capacity and as you are aware we have now planned an extension whereby an additional 7,200 spindles will be installed. New buildings are being erected on the existing Mill site and it is hoped by careful planning that the minimum disruption to production will be experienced during their installation. These spindles will not operate as a separate unit but it is the intention that the whole capacity of the Mill will be integrated. The machinery has been ordered from Messrs Tweedale & Smalley, Textile Manufacturers of Manchester, and it is anticipated that it will come into full production towards the end of January 1955. We have arranged to purchase 42,000 sq. ft. of vacant land

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Green Ink Entries In Land Office Registers Explained

An explanation of how green ink entries in the Land Office Registers came to be made was given by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, leading Counsel for respondent at the resumed hearing of an appeal involving property housing the Sih Nam School, of No. 1 Oaklands Path, Upper Levels, before the Full Court this morning.

Mr d'Almada said that during the Japanese occupation there were large numbers of sales of houses and more often than not the sales were not of the land because, Counsel believed, the Japanese did not allow this.

Instruments of sale were in Japanese or Chinese and the Japanese opened their own registers for these instruments.

There was no question but that the intention in every sale was to pass legal estate in the premises as in ordinary Hongkong law but for this purpose the Japanese assignments were often inadequate for a number of reasons.

In those circumstances, upon the liberation of the Colony those transactions were given recognition, and pending legislation to give effect to them or otherwise to recognise them, the green ink entries were made in the Land Office Registers which contained the various instruments in writing.

That was how green ink entries came to be made, said Mr d'Almada, and the obvious necessity to legislate resulted in the passing of Ordinance No. 34 of 1948 which is now Chapter 250.

THE APPEAL

The appeal was brought against a judgment of Sir Gerard Howe, Chief Justice, who ruled in favour of the plaintiff (the respondent) with costs in an action for possession of the property.

The original action related to the alleged sale of the property during the Japanese occupation.

The Full Court comprises Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Puisne Judge, and Mr Justice J. Reynolds, Acting Puisne Judge.

The appellants are Chu Yam-lam, schoolmaster, and Cheung Lam-chau, headmaster, both of the Sih Nam School. They are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr S. V. Gittins, both instructed by Mr F. H. Loseby.

Named as second defendant in the original action was Leung Siu-foon, schoolmaster, who was stated in evidence during the hearing to have died prior to the issue of the writ in 1948.

The respondent is Li Tam Toh, of 8 Kennedy Terrace ground floor, the wife of Mr Li Koon-chun, prominent Hongkong merchant. Representing her are the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Brook A. Bernice, both on the instructions of Mr Y. K. Kan.

POLICY CLEAR

Continuing, Mr d'Almada said that the policy of the Ordinance is quite clear. It was headed, "An Ordinance to give effect to voluntary transactions affecting land during the Japanese Occupation."

Court Asked: Is Attorney-General's Signature Sufficient?

IMPORTANT POINT RAISED IN APPEAL

The question as to whether the signature of the Attorney-General on an indictment brought under the Emergency Regulations is sufficient to establish his consent to the indictment, as required by Section 116(a) (3) of the Regulations, was raised before the Full Court this morning.

The point was brought up by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, representing one of two appellants who appealed against conviction for using firearms against a person without lawful authority, and aiding and abetting the use of such arms.

The two men, Au Keng, 18, and Wong Wal-hung, 28, were found guilty by a Jury on April 8 at the Criminal Sessions, and sentenced to death by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, in accordance with the terms of the Emergency Regulations under which they had been charged.

The Full Court comprised the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice C. W. Reece.

Mr D'Alton appeared for Au Keng, the second appellant is represented by Ms S. V. Gittins, instructed by Miss P. Loseby.

Mr F. O. Muirie, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Detective Inspector H. A. N. Cattell.

The appellants were found guilty of shooting a junk-master, Chan Yor-tai, of Aberdeen on January 5.

THREE GROUNDS

In putting forward his case, Mr D'Alton said he had three grounds of appeal. The first was that the charge which the appellants had faced was brought before the prior consent of the Attorney-General.

The proceedings against the accused actually started in the lower Court on January 8, which did not include at the time an offence under the Emergency Regulations.

Referring to sub-section (2) of the Section of the Emergency Regulations under which the charge was brought, Mr D'Alton said this sub-section provided that any person found guilty upon conviction "... an indictment shall be punishable with death."

Turning to sub-section (3), he pointed out that it stated that "... prosecution shall not be instituted without prior consent of the Attorney-General."

Mr D'Alton said that when the matter was raised in the lower Court, the full significance of those words and the working of sub-section (3) was possibly not fully grasped by all concerned at the time.

Counsel went on to submit that Section 116 (a) (3) expressly required that such a consent from the Attorney-General was a condition precedent to the instituting of proceedings under that sub-section.

EXPRESS PROVISO

The sub-section was on express provision put into the special legislation, and was thus an express part of it, he added. There was no ambiguity in that provision, and there was no doubt at all what it provided for.

He submitted the sub-section must be taken to mean exactly what it said. He was not saying, however, that the indictment in the present case was defective; this question did not arise at all.

In this case, Mr D'Alton said, the contention of the Crown, so far as he could make it out, was this: It was not asserted that the express consent of the Attorney-General had been given. All that was alleged was that the consent could be implied by the Attorney-General to enable a purchaser under a Japanese assignment to complete his title.

GREEN INK ENTRIES

After referring to the definitions of "Japanese Registers," "Green Ink Entries" and "Japanese Assignments" in the Interpretation Ordinance, Counsel read Section 3(1) of the Ordinance as follows: "Whereas it may be deemed to have been lawfully made..."

"This green ink entry, I maintain, is a registration in terms of a Japanese Registration Ordinance," Mr d'Almada submitted. He further submitted that a green ink entry had priority over another entry, including an earlier unregistered one, in this case a declaration of trust, and even over a registered later one.

He submitted that the respondent submitted that a green ink entry was a registration for all practical purposes, a registration under Chapter 250 of the Land Registration Ordinance, Section 3 of Chapter 250 exactly the same protection, priority, privilege, as if it were an entry duly and lawfully made.

Hearing is continuing.

Charged With Murder

Described as a medical practitioner, Lo Ke, alias Lo Koo, alias Law Hui, 43, residing at No. 70 Junction Road, ground floor, the wife of Mr Li Koon-chun, prominent Hongkong merchant, representing her are the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Brook A. Bernice, both on the instructions of Mr Y. K. Kan.

PC Recovering

Police Constable Young-Cholchi was reported to be recovering from his wounds this morning and he has been taken off the critical list.

The 27-year-old policeman was found shot at the Kowloon City Police Station on Tuesday. His condition for the last two days had been described as critical.

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INDO-CHINA, 4 p.m.

THAILAND, INDIA, COYTON, PAKISTAN,
MIDDLE EAST, 4 p.m.

MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, 6 p.m.
N. BORNEO, U.S.A., NEW ZEALAND,
10 p.m.

By Surface

CHINA PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, 8.30 a.m.
MACAO, 9 a.m.

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EAST, GREAT BRITAIN & EUROPE, 10 a.m.
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MACAO, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

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JAPAN, KOREA, S. AFRICA & CANADA, 8 a.m.

BURMA, 8 a.m.

PHILIPPINES, 9 a.m.

INDO-CHINA, FRANCE, 11 a.m.

JAPAN, KOREA, U.S.A., 1 p.m.

HOSPITAL SHIP SOLD FOR SCRAP

The 7,515-ton hospital ship, HMHS Maine, recently sold to the Hongkong firm, the Chiap Hua Manufactory Co. Ltd., for scrap by the Ministry of Transport and Civil